

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 15 March 2010 was filed after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 21, 22, 24-26, 31-42, 44, and 45 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the IDS submitted 15 March 2010 has been considered it has been determined that the prior art cited in the IDS does not read over the claims since the prior art of the IDS does not disclose a device for sealing a puncture tract comprising a housing comprising an outer tube and an inner tube, the inner tube having a plurality of lateral openings in fluid communication with the outer tube, the lumen configured to receive a volume of blood and a blood congealing agent to form the plug. As such, the claims remain allowable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GREGORY ANDERSON whose telephone number is (571)270-3083. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 9:30AM-3PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jackie Ho can be reached on 571-272-4696. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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